

Amendments to the Drawings

Please replace the current drawing set with the set of replacement drawings provided in the Appendix.

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

The Examiner is thanked for his help in bringing this case to allowance. The amended claims are in the form suggested in Applicant's response to the Examiner's draft of an Examiner's Amendment faxed on 01/05/05 as discussed on 01/27/05, with two exceptions.

Namely, that the Applicant has changed the language in claim 42 to state "that a vehicle door has changed condition between open and closed" rather than just that the sensor indicates "that a vehicle door is closed" and changed the term "processor" to "logic component". Second, the term "audible alarm" has been changed to "alarm" in claim 45 because Applicant believes the word "audible" is not necessary for patentability. These changes conform all of the claims with respect to the terms "logic component" and "alarm".

Based upon the discussions between the Examiner and the Applicant, Applicant believes these changes would have no bearing on the patentability of the claims. Should the Examiner desire the other language, the Examiner is invited to change the language via an Examiner's Amendment to "that a vehicle door is closed", to "processor", and/or "audible alarm" in claims.

Claims 1-13, 14, 21, 27, 31, 38 are canceled, claims 41-45 are added, and claims 15-20, 22-26, 28-30, 32-37, 39, and 40 are added; as a result, claims 15-20, 22-26, 28-30, 32-37, and 39-45 are now pending in this application. Applicant respectfully submits that the new claims 41-45 do not introduce any new subject matter and are intended to cover additional claimable subject matter fully supported by the originally filed specification. Since only claims 1-13 were addressed by the Examiner in his Office Action, Applicant respectfully requests consideration and allowance of the same.

The Examiner also stated that he believed a Terminal Disclaimer should be submitted. Accordingly, Applicant has provided a Terminal Disclaimer herewith, in order to move this case toward allowance.

Drawings

Lastly, the Examiner is asked to substitute the attached set of Figures provided in the Appendix for the set of Figures currently in the case.

Conclusion

Applicant respectfully submits that the claims are in condition for allowance and notification to that effect is earnestly requested. The Examiner is invited to telephone Applicant's attorney at (612) 659-9340.

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